

# School Safety Related Code

Code Citation	Code Summary
<a href="#">15A-5-202.5</a>	Required school emergency drills including fire drills.
<a href="#">53-1-106</a>	<p>The Department of Public Safety shall make rules related to the Traffic Code (Title 41, Chapter 6a) advising the Department of Transportation regarding the safe design and operation of school buses, as required by Section 41-6a-1304.</p> <p>The Department of Public Safety shall also employ a law enforcement officer as a public safety liaison to be housed at the State Board of Education who shall work with the State Board of Education as outlined further in this area of code.</p>
<a href="#">53-2d-806 effective 7/1/2024</a>	The office shall work in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies and schools, to encourage individuals to complete courses on the administration of CPR and the use of an AED.
<a href="#">53-3-213</a>	A person must be 21 to drive a school bus.
<a href="#">53-5-710</a>	Notwithstanding Subsection 76-10-505.5(4), a person under the age of 21 with a permit of any kind to carry a concealed firearm may not carry a concealed firearm on or about school premises.
<a href="#">53-7-103</a>	The state fire marshal shall examine plans and specifications for school buildings, as required by Section 53E-3-706.
<a href="#">53-7-104</a>	The state fire marshal has jurisdiction to enforce the fire code is school building and properties used for schools.
<a href="#">53-7-204</a>	The Utah Fire Prevention Board shall make rules establishing standards for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any publicly owned building, including all public and private schools, colleges, and university buildings.
<a href="#">53-8-104</a>	The Superintendent of the Utah Highway Patrol Division shall conduct in conjunction with the State Board of Education in and through all state schools an educational campaign in highway safety and work in conjunction with civic organizations, churches, local units of government, and other organizations that may function in accomplishing the purposes of reducing highway accidents.
<a href="#">53-8-204</a>	The Utah Highway Patrol Division shall make rules establishing program guidelines for a school district that elects to implement a safety inspection apprenticeship program for high school students.
<a href="#">53-8-211</a>	The Utah Highway Patrol Division audit school bus safety operations of each education entity performing inspections and perform random safety inspections.
<a href="#">53-8-211.5</a>	A charter school, school district or private school may not use a vehicle with a seating capacity of 11 or more, including the driver, for the transportation of its students unless the vehicle meets federal school bus safety standards.
<a href="#">53-10-203</a>	If the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division has reason to believe that a reported missing person has been enrolled in a specific school in this state, the division shall notify the last-known school of that report.
<a href="#">53-10-211</a>	The chief administrative officer of the law enforcement agency making the arrest or receiving notice shall immediately notify the State Board of Education; and the superintendent of schools of the employing public school district or, if the offender is an employee of a private school, the administrator of that school.
<a href="#">53-10-305</a>	The bureau of investigation chief, with the consent of the commissioner, shall conduct in conjunction with the state boards of education and higher education in state schools, colleges, and universities, an educational program concerning alcoholic beverages and alcoholic products.
<a href="#">53-22-101 et. seq. -- School Security Act</a>	<p>Section 101School Security Act -- Definitions.</p> <p>Section 102State security chief -- Creation -- Appointment.</p> <p>Section 103County sheriff responsibilities -- Coordination.</p> <p>Section 104School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem -- Report -- Expiration.</p>
<a href="#">53B-17-1201 et. seq. -- SafeUT Crisis Line</a>	<p>Section 1201Definitions.</p> <p>Section 1202SafeUT Crisis Line established.</p> <p>Section 1203SafeUT and School Safety Commission established -- Members.</p> <p>Section 1204SafeUT and School Safety Commission duties -- LEA governing board duties -- Fees.</p>
<a href="#">53E-3-501</a>	The state board shall establish minimum standards for discipline control and bus safety.
<a href="#">53E-3-503</a>	The state board is directly responsible for the education of all individuals who are younger than 21 years old; or eligible for special education services as described in Chapter 7, Part 2, Special Education Program; and receiving services from the Department of Health and Human Services; in the custody of an equivalent agency of a Native American tribe recognized by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs and whose custodial parent resides within the state; or being held in a juvenile detention facility.
<a href="#">53E-3-509</a>	The state board shall adopt rules that require a local school board or charter school governing board to enact gang prevention and intervention policies for all schools within the state board's jurisdiction
<a href="#">53E-3-516</a>	<p>School Disciplinary and Law Enforcement Action Report</p> <p>An LEA shall work with the Superintendent and the relevant law enforcement agencies and school personnel to collect the following data for incidents that occurred on school grounds while school is in session or during a school-sponsored activity</p>

<a href="#">53E-3-522</a>	the state board shall provide for substance abuse prevention and education substance abuse prevention training for teachers and administrators.
<a href="#">53E-3-701 et. seq. -- School Construction</a>	<p>Section 701Definitions.</p> <p>Section 702State board to adopt public school construction guidelines.</p> <p>Section 703Construction and alteration of schools and plants -- Advertising for bids -- Payment and performance bonds -- Contracts -- Bidding limitations on local school boards -- Interest of local school board members.</p> <p>Section 704Restrictions on local school district procurement of architect-engineer services.</p> <p>Section 705School plant capital outlay report.</p> <p>Section 706Enforcement of part by state superintendent -- Employment of personnel -- School districts and charter schools -- Certificate of inspection verification.</p> <p>Section 707School building construction and inspection manual -- Annual construction and inspection conference -- Verification of school construction inspections.</p> <p>Section 708Licensed architect to prepare plans.</p> <p>Section 709Power of state board regarding expected federal aid to build schools.</p> <p>Section 710Notification to affected entities of intent to acquire school site or construction of school building -- Local government -- Negotiation of fees -- Confidentiality.</p> <p>Section 711Required contract terms.</p>
<a href="#">53E-6-701</a>	An educator who has reasonable cause to believe that a student may have been physically or sexually abused by a school employee shall immediately report the belief and all other relevant information to the school principal, to the superintendent, or to the state board.
<a href="#">53E-9-301 et. seq. Student Data Protection</a>	<p>Section 301Definitions.</p> <p>Section 302State student data protection governance.</p> <p>Section 303Local student data protection governance.</p> <p>Section 304Student data ownership and access -- Notification in case of significant data breach.</p> <p>Section 305Collecting student data -- Prohibition -- Student data collection notice -- Written consent.</p> <p>Section 306Using and expunging student data -- Rulemaking -- Disciplinary records.</p> <p>Section 307Securing and cataloguing student data.</p> <p>Section 308Sharing student data -- Prohibition -- Requirements for student data manager -- Authorized student data sharing.</p> <p>Section 309Third-party contractors.</p> <p>Section 310Penalties.</p>
<a href="#">53F-2-415</a>	The state board shall distribute money appropriated under this section to school districts and charter schools to provide targeted school-based mental health support, including clinical services and trauma-informed care. To qualify for money a school district or charter school shall submit to the state board a plan that includes: (a) measurable goals approved by the LEA governing board on improving student safety, student engagement, school climate, or academic achievement.
<a href="#">53F-2-525</a>	The state board shall distribute block grant funding for use to implement a comprehensive prevention plan that the state board approves.
<a href="#">53F-4-208 (HB 61, 2023)</a>	The state board shall issue a request for proposals, on or before June 15, 2023, and enter a contract with a private vendor for firearm detection software to detect and alert district personnel and first responders about the presence of visible, unholstered firearms on school property.
<a href="#">53F-5-209</a>	The state board shall award a grant to a school district or charter school to provide targeted school-based mental health support in an elementary school, including trauma-informed care, through employment of qualifying personnel. To qualify for a grant, a school district or charter school shall: (a) submit an application to the state board that includes: (i) measurable goals on improving student safety, student engagement, school culture, and academic achievement.
<a href="#">53F-5-220 (HB 61, 2023)</a>	The state board may award a grant to a school district or charter school in response to a school district or charter school request for proposal to provide a school with: (a) school resource officer services; (b) school safety specialists and school safety specialist training; (c) safety and security training by law enforcement agencies for school employees; (d) interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance, and training for first responder communication systems; (e) enhanced physical security at a school upon completion of the school's threat assessment; (f) first-aid kits for classrooms; or (g) bleeding control kits.
<a href="#">53F-10-202</a>	There is created the Capital Projects Evaluation Panel to review, prioritize, and approve proposals for state funding of capital projects including prioritizing funding for projects that eliminates risks to student life and safety through renewal or replacement.
<a href="#">53G-4-402(13)</a>	A local school board may organize school safety patrols and adopt policies under which the patrols promote student safety.
<a href="#">53G-4-402(19)</a>	A local school board shall establish for each school year a school traffic safety committee. The code outlines membership and duties of the committee.
<a href="#">53G-4-402(20)</a>	A local school board shall adopt and implement a comprehensive emergency response plan to prevent and combat violence in the local school board's public schools, on school grounds, on its school vehicles, and in connection with school-related activities or events. The code outlines required elements of the plan, requires the state board to have a model plan, and requires the local board to certify with the state board every July 1 that its plan exists and has been reviewed by all stakeholders including public safety officials.
<a href="#">53G-4-402(21)</a>	A local school board may adopt an emergency response plan for the treatment of sports-related injuries that occur during school sports practices and events.
<a href="#">53G-4-402(25)</a>	A local school board may establish or partner with a certified youth court in accordance with Section 80-6-902 or establish or partner with a comparable restorative justice program, in coordination with schools in that district. A school may refer a student to a youth court or a comparable restorative justice program in accordance with Section 53G-8-211.
<a href="#">53G-4-608</a>	If a school district issues a qualifying general obligation bond, the school district shall conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of each school district building constructed before 1975 and used by the school district as a school.

<a href="#">53G-5-410</a>	Charter school governing board shall prepare a plan for the use of School LAND Trust Program money under Section 53G-7-1206 which provides for education and awareness on safe technology utilization and digital citizenship.
<a href="#">53G-6-202(3)</a>	A school administrator, a designee of a school administrator, a law enforcement officer acting as a school resource officer, or a truancy specialist may only issue a notice of compulsory education violation to a parent of a school-age child if the school-age child is in grade 1 through 6 and truant at least five times during the school year.
<a href="#">53G-6-203(3)</a>	In accordance with Section 53G-8-211, a local school board, charter school governing board, or school district may impose administrative penalties on a school-age child who is in grade 7 or above, unless the school-age child is less than 12 years old; and truant.  A local school board or charter school governing board may authorize a school administrator, a designee of a school administrator, a law enforcement officer acting as a school resource officer, or a truancy specialist to issue a notice of truancy
<a href="#">53G-6-208</a>	A peace officer or public school administrator may take a minor into temporary custody if there is reason to believe the minor is a truant minor.
<a href="#">53G-6-210</a>	Pursuant to Utah Code <a href="#">80-3-201</a> , a minor or the minor's parent can be cited for educational negligence and referred to juvenile court
<a href="#">53G-6-601 et. seq.</a>	This entire Part deals with how to prevent the enrollment or transfer of missing children and involves collaboration between a school district/charter school and DPS
<a href="#">53G-6-805</a>	Parental right to school comparison requires a dashboard at state board to compare schools based on certain indicators. Safety is currently not an indicator.
<a href="#">53G-7-204</a>	Provides for when a school can and can give access to a student's records if requested by a noncustodial parent
<a href="#">53G-7-209</a>	Requires schools be open for use as civic centers as long as the use does not interfere with school functions
<a href="#">53G-7-219</a>	A school may hire medical specialists and have a separate salary schedule for those individuals
<a href="#">53G-7-220</a>	Requires districts/charters to have a bus inspection policy if the district/charters provides transportation
<a href="#">53G-7-308</a>	Exempts districts and charters budgetary appropriations from requirements outlined in code if the budgetary appropriation is required because of emergencies involving loss of life or great loss of property
<a href="#">53G-7-802</a>	Legislative finding that school uniforms can improve school safety and discipline
<a href="#">53G-7-904</a>	A public or private school may enter into an internship safety agreement with a cooperating employer and requires criminal background checks for employees of an employer offering an internship if the employee will have significant unsupervised access to a student.
<a href="#">53G-7-1002</a>	State funds may not be provided to any local school board that provides access to the Internet or an online service unless the local school board adopts and enforces a policy to restrict access to Internet or online sites that contain obscene material.
<a href="#">53G-7-1202</a>	As part of a School Community Council's advice and recommendations made to school administrators, the council shall make recommendations regarding safe technology use and work with students, families, and educators to develop and incorporate <i>safety principles</i> at the school.
<a href="#">53G-8-201 et. seq. -- School Discipline and Conduct Plans</a>	Section 201Definitions. Section 202Public school discipline policies -- Basis of the policies -- Enforcement. Section 203Conduct and discipline policies and procedures. Section 204Suspension and expulsion procedures -- Notice to parents -- Distribution of policies. Section 205Grounds for suspension or expulsion from a public school. Section 206Delegation of authority to suspend or expel a student -- Procedure for suspension -- Readmission. Section 207Alternatives to suspension or expulsion. Section 208Student suspended or expelled -- Responsibility of parent -- Application for students with disabilities. Section 209Extracurricular activities -- Prohibited conduct -- Reporting of violations -- Limitation of liability. Section 210Disruptive student behavior. Section 211Responses to school-based behavior. Section 212Defacing or damaging school property -- Student's liability -- Work program alternative. Section 213Reintegration plan for student alleged to have committed violent felony or weapon offense.
<a href="#">53G-8-301 et. seq. -- Physical Restraint of Students</a>	Section 301Definitions. Section 302Prohibition of corporal punishment -- Use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint. Section 303Investigation of complaint -- Confidentiality -- Immunity. Section 304Liability. Section 305Exception.
<a href="#">53G-8-401 et. seq. -- Juvenile Court and Law Enforcement Notification to Public Schools</a>	Section 401Definitions. Section 402Notification by juvenile court and law enforcement agencies. Section 403Superintendent required to notify school. Section 404State board to set procedures. Section 405Liability for release of information.

<a href="#">53G-8-501 et. seq. -- Substance Abuse Reporting and Weapons Notifications</a>	<p>Section 501Definitions.</p> <p>Section 502Mandatory reporting of prohibited acts.</p> <p>Section 503Reporting procedure.</p> <p>Section 504Immunity from civil or criminal liability.</p> <p>Section 505Definitions.</p> <p>Section 506Reporting of prohibited acts affecting a school -- Confidentiality.</p> <p>Section 507Immunity from civil or criminal liability.</p> <p>Section 508Admissibility of evidence in civil and criminal actions.</p> <p>Section 509State board rules to ensure protection of individual rights.</p> <p>Section 510Notification of teachers of weapons on school property -- Immunity from civil and criminal liability.</p>
<a href="#">53G-8-601 et. seq. -- Criminal Offenses and Traffic Ordinances</a>	<p>Section 601Definitions.</p> <p>Section 602Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at school or school-sponsored activities -- Penalty.</p> <p>Section 603Criminal trespass upon school property -- Penalty.</p> <p>Section 604Traffic ordinances on school property -- Enforcement.</p>
<a href="#">53G-8-701 et. seq. -- School Resource Officers</a>	<p>Section 701Definitions.</p> <p>Section 701.5Threat assessment and school safety specialist.</p> <p>Section 702School resource officer training -- Curriculum.</p> <p>Section 703Contracts between an LEA and law enforcement for school resource officer services -- Requirements.</p> <p>Section 703.2LEA establishment of SRO policy -- Public comment.</p>
<a href="#">53G-8-801 et. seq. -- State Safety and Support Program</a>	<p>Section 801 Definitions.</p> <p>Section 802 State Safety and Support Program -- State board duties -- LEA duties.</p> <p>Section 803 Standard response protocol to active threats in schools.</p>
<a href="#">53G-9-202</a>	A school shall notify a parent of a student's injury if the injury requires medical attention that cannot be provided in the school.
<a href="#">53G-9-203</a>	Provides for when school personnel may provide observations about a student's well being and when school personnel can distribute medications to a student. This section also outlines when a psychiatric evaluation may be performed by a school counselor and wehn referral to outside mental health services is appropriate.
<a href="#">53G-9-206</a>	Requires eye protective devices for industrial education, physics laboratory, and chemistry laboratory activities.
<a href="#">53G-9-207</a>	The state board in partnership with DHHS approves age appropriate materials for training regarding child sex abuse prevention and human trafficking prevention.
<a href="#">53G-9-208</a>	A student is allowed to possess and apply sunscreen on their own.
<a href="#">53G-9-209</a>	School personnel shall report suspected child abuse or neglect including educational neglect.
<a href="#">53G-9-210</a>	If a school within a local education agency provides animal-assisted interventions through therapy animals, the local education agency shall adopt a policy for proper handling of a therapy animal on school grounds.
<a href="#">53G-9-213</a>	A district or charter school shall provide seizure awareness training to teachers with students who have a known seizure disorder.
<a href="#">53G-9-301 et. seq.</a>	This part deals with immunization requirements and exemptions for students.
<a href="#">53G-9-401 et. seq.</a>	This part outlines health examinations that may be performed at school--primarily vision screenings.
<a href="#">53G-9-501 et. seq.</a>	This part outlines the requirements and training for administering medications -- primarily glucagon and diabetes related medications.
<a href="#">53G-9-601 et. seq. -- Bullying and Hazing</a>	<p>Section 601Definitions.</p> <p>Section 602Bullying, hazing, and cyber-bullying prohibited.</p> <p>Section 603Retaliation and making a false allegation prohibited.</p> <p>Section 604Parental notification of certain incidents and threats required.</p> <p>Section 605Bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation policy.</p> <p>Section 606Model policy and state board duties.</p> <p>Section 607Training, education, and prevention -- Standards.</p> <p>Section 608Other forms of legal redress.</p>
<a href="#">53G-9-703</a>	A district shall offer a free seminar annually for parents, that begins after 6:00 p.m., addressing substance abuse, bullying, mental health, internet safety and suicide prevention, and is planned and implemented annually. A district may opt out of providing the seminar if the reason for the opt out is provided to the state board.
<a href="#">53G-9-704</a>	A school district or charter school shall require a licensed employee to complete a minimum of two hours of professional development training on youth suicide prevention every three years.
<a href="#">53G-10-507</a>	The Driver License Division of the Department of Public Safety and the state board shall establish procedures and standards to certify teachers of driver education classes.
<a href="#">53G-11-401 et. seq. -- Background Checks</a>	This part outlines the background check process and requirements for licensed and non-licensed school employees.
<a href="#">76-3-203.2</a>	A person who, on or about school premises, commits an offense and uses or threatens to use a dangerous weapon, as defined in Section 76-1-101.5, in the commission of the offense is subject to an enhanced degree of offense.

<a href="#">76-3-203.13</a>	A person convicted of a sexual offense described in Section 76-5-401.1 or 76-5-401.2 may be subject to an enhanced penalty if, at the time of the commission of the sexual offense, the actor: (a) was 18 years old or older; (b) held a position of special trust as a teacher, employee, or volunteer at a school, as that position is defined in Subsection 76-5-404.1(1)(a)(iv)(S); and (c) committed the offense against an individual who at the time of the offense was enrolled as a student at the school where the actor was employed or was acting as a volunteer.
<a href="#">76-5-102.3</a>	An actor commits assault or threat of violence against a school employee if: (a) the actor commits assault or a threat of violence against an employee of a public or private school; (b) the actor has knowledge that the individual is an employee; and (c) the employee is acting within the scope of the employee's authority as an employee.
<a href="#">76-5-107.1</a>	An actor is guilty of making a threat against a school if the actor threatens in person or via electronic means, either with real intent or as an intentional hoax, to commit any offense involving bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage.
<a href="#">76-6-703</a>	It is a crime to commit unlawful computer technology access or action or denial of service attack including committing the act at or to a school.
<a href="#">76-8-315</a>	Assault on an elected official is a felony of the third degree if bodily injury is attempted or occurs.
<a href="#">76-8-1402</a>	In the absence of a local ordinance or other controlling law governing the conduct, a person is guilty of an offense who, while on a street, sidewalk, or public way adjacent to any school building or ground: (a) by his or her presence or acts, materially disrupts the peaceful conduct of school activities; and (b) remains upon the place after being asked to leave by the chief administrator of that school.
<a href="#">76-8-1403</a>	A person is guilty of the class A misdemeanor of evading law enforcement while on school property, if the person enters onto school property when: (a) students are attending the school or students are participating in any school-related activity or program on school property; and (b) the person is in the act of fleeing or evading, or attempting to flee or evade, pursuit or apprehension by any peace officer.
<a href="#">76-9-106</a>	A person is guilty of disrupting the operation of a school if the person, after being asked to leave by a school official, remains on school property for the purpose of encouraging or creating an unreasonable and substantial disruption or risk of disruption of a class, activity, program, or other function of a public or private school.
<a href="#">76-9-107</a>	A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if the person: (a) enters a school bus with the intent to commit a criminal offense; (b) enters a school bus and disrupts or interferes with the driver; or (c) enters a school bus and refuses to leave the bus after being ordered to leave by the driver
<a href="#">76-10-105</a>	An individual who is under 18 years old and who buys or attempts to buy, accepts, or has in the individual's possession a tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product is subject to a citation under Section 80-6-302, unless the violation is committed on school property under Section 53G-8-211.
<a href="#">76-10-505.5</a>	A person may not possess any dangerous weapon, firearm, or short barreled shotgun, as those terms are defined in Section 76-10-501, at a place that the person knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is on or about school premises as defined in this section.
<a href="#">76-10-1235</a>	A person is guilty of accessing pornographic or indecent material on school property when the person willfully or knowingly creates, views, or otherwise gains access to pornographic or indecent material while present on school property.
<a href="#">80-6-103</a>	If a minor is taken into temporary custody under Section 80-6-201 for a violent felony or an offense in violation of Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons, the peace officer, or other person who has taken the minor into temporary custody, shall notify a school official within five days after the day on which the minor is taken into temporary custody.
<a href="#">80-6-104</a>	Before July 1 of each year, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall submit data to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, broken down by judicial district, for the preceding calendar year regarding offenses committed by minors including possession of a firearm while school is in session or during a school-sponsored activity.
<a href="#">80-6-301</a>	A peace officer, public official, school district, or school may only refer a minor to the juvenile court under Section 53G-8-211 for an offense that is subject to referral under Section 53G-8-211.
<a href="#">80-6-302</a>	An offense alleged to have been committed by an enrolled child on school property, or related to school attendance, may only be referred to the prosecuting attorney or the juvenile court in accordance with Section 53G-8-211.
<a href="#">80-6-303.5</a>	If the juvenile court receives a referral for an offense committed by a minor that is, or appears to be, within the juvenile court's jurisdiction, a juvenile probation officer shall make a preliminary inquiry in accordance with this section to determine whether the minor is eligible to enter into a nonjudicial adjustment.
<a href="#">80-6-909</a>	A local school board may provide school credit for participation to a member of a youth court.